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General Notes and Notices.

The programme of the Semitic Club of Yale University for the winter term includes, among others, the following papers:—The Geography and History of Arabia before the time of Mohammed, by Mr. O. Dahl; Islam and the Kuran, by Mr. G. W. Davis; The Biblical Element in the Kuran, by Mr. Daniel Shepardson, Jr.; The Angelology and Eschatology of the Kuran, by Mr. G. H. Patterson; The External Form of the Kuran, by Mr. Chas. Horswell; Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Gabriel in the Kuran, by Mr. William Griffiths; The Cuneiform Inscriptions and the Hebrew Prophets, by Prof. D. G. Lyon, Ph. D., of Harvard University; The Language and Literature of the Ancient Egyptians, by Rev. Lysander Dickerman, Boston, Mass.; Semitic Epigraphy in its bearings upon Biblical Science, by Prof. Richard J. H. Gottheil, Ph. D., of Columbia College; The Text-books of the Babylonians and Assyrians, by Prof. Morris Jastrow, Jr., Ph. D., of the University of Pennsylvania; Babylonian Mythology, illustrated by Babylonian Art, by William Hayes Ward, D. D., LL.D., of the New York Independent; The Origin and Development of the Assyrian Cuneiform, by Prof. H. V. Hilprecht, Ph. D., of University of Pennsylvania; The Deluge, by Prof. E. C. Bissell, D. D., Hartford Theological Seminary; The Book of Ecclesiastes, by Prof. Paul Haupt, Ph. D., of Johns Hopkins University; The Aramaic Language, by Prof. Charles Rufus Brown, Ph. D., of Newton Theological Institution; a paper also of which the subject has not yet been indicated, by Prof. William Henry Green, D. D., of Princeton Theological Seminary.

An effort is made by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to extend Higher Religious Instruction among senior and junior students in its Sunday Schools by means of Examinations. Four departments of study are offered,—Biblical, Doctrinal, Historical and Essay on some Biblical subject. The Biblical subjects are based on the International Lessons for 1890, and for senior scholars Stalker's Life of Christ is added as a subject for examination. The subject for essays is, for the Juniors, "The Sea of Galilee: its Sacred and Historical Associations"; for the Seniors, "The Distinguishing and Attractive Features of Luke's Gospel." Candidates hand in their names for these examinations, which are held simultaneously at many places under the direction of examiners previously appointed. Medals, books and diplomas are offered as prizes to successful competitors, and great pains is taken to bring the opportunity for examination before the attention of the Sunday Schools. A scheme of this character cannot fail to elevate the intelligence, and, therefore, the religious usefulness, of the Church which heartily undertakes to make it a success.

The London Sunday School Union with its numerous branches is doing a good work in elevating the standard of Sunday school teaching in the United Kingdom. It offers opportunities for teachers in the study of Hebrew and

Greek by its correspondence classes. Last year a series of lectures on the Minor Prophets was given under its auspices by the late Professor Elmslie. This year a similar course is announced to be given by Prof. J. A. Beet, the eminent New Testament scholar. His subject is "The Gospel of Paul." The course is given especially for Sunday school teachers. A nominal fee is charged. The enterprise displayed in this endeavor speaks well for the progressiveness of the Union and will no doubt result in great benefit to the teachers who are wise enough to avail themselves of these opportunities.

A fund is being raised to purchase and offer to the University of Cambridge, England, a bust of the late Professor W. Wright from an excellent model by J. Hutchison, Esq., R. S. A. It is proposed that the bust should be placed in the University Library. The subscription is limited to half a guinea, and the Committee invite contributions not only from members of the University but also from Prof. Wright's friends and admirers in other seats of learning throughout the world. Prof. R. Gottheil, of Columbia College, New York, has kindly undertaken to receive subscriptions in America.

It is announced that the Bible Institute in Chicago, under the direction of Mr. Moody, is to have for three months, April to June, the services of Prof. W. G. Moorehead of Xenia, O. The opportunity is thus given "to all ministers, evangelists, theological students and other Christian workers in all parts of the land who wish a new inspiration in the study of the Word of God to come to Chicago and give a few weeks to Bible study under Prof. Moorehead, and get the experience to be gained in the aggressive work of the Chicago Evangelization Society, among the masses of the city." The Institute offers the use of its new building to as many as can be accommodated in it, and expenses are placed at a low figure to make it possible for the very largest number to attend the three weeks' session. Correspondence may be had concerning the matter with R. A. Torrey, 80 W. Pearson St., Chicago, Ill.

The Rev. Dr. Bullinger of Woking, England, announces that a new and unique work, in connection with the Book of Psalms, prepared by him is now being printed, and will shortly be published. Its object is to exhibit to the eye each Psalm, so printed as to display at one view the perfection of its plan, the symmetry of its structure, and the point of its teaching. The work will consist of a Preface by the Rev. Sydney Thelwall, B. A., Vicar of Westleigh, North Devon, and an Introduction by the Editor, giving a full explanation of the principles and their application, which is necessary for a due understanding and appreciation of the work; these will be followed by each Psalm in order, with its "Skeleton" or Key, and such brief notes connected with its structure as may be required; the work concluding with an Appendix, by the Editor, on the Psalms as a whole, showing that each Psalm is only a member of some larger arrangement, and exhibiting the plan on which the one hundred and fifty Psalms are arranged (in their Books, divisions, sections, etc.). The mutual relation of each Psalm will thus be set forth, and the reason why it occupies the particular place assigned to it. The price of the work will be Five Shillings, post free, and it will be published by Dr. Bullinger. All orders are to be sent to him, addressed, simply, Woking.